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Greetings,

I think you are doing an outstanding job within the FCC and I support your efforts.

I want communities and individuals to have easy access to the broadcast airwaves. I want very much to be able to hear alternative programming on my car radio.

I understand that the NAB is complaining about the interference that will ensue if micro radio broadcasting is approved by the FCC. I agree with the NAB that there will be too much interference from the professional broadcasters in urban areas for micro-broadcasters to be as effective as they should be, as they have a right to be.

So I propose that TV channels 5 & 6 (which are just below the FM band) be set aside for exclusive use to micro-broadcasters in each urban area as those TV stations move up to their newly assigned UHF digital TV channel and abandon their old analog channel. Micro-broadcasters could begin now in cities where there is no TV channel 5 or 6. Community groups could put a micro station in the existing FM band until the new receivers, with expanded coverage, become more prevalent in society. We need the FCC to start now to require FM radio manufacturers to expand coverage of all new receivers to tune down to 76 MHz instead of 88MHz.

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